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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 5, 1999

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC990142

To implement extended local
service from its Clintwood
exchange to its Dante exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On August 16, 1999, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA" or "the Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. BA-VA proposes to notify its Clintwood customers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Dante exchange. The application states that telephone customers in BA-VA's Dante exchange had earlier petitioned the Commission for local calling to Clintwood. Using a cost study prepared by BA-VA, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Dante local service area to include Clintwood. Customers in the Dante exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local calling to Clintwood. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for extended local service from Clintwood to the Dante exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed five (5) percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Clintwood customers, a poll is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW, having considered BA-VA's application, BA-VA's proposed public notice, and the applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that BA-VA should give notice of this application to its customers in the Clintwood exchange; and those customers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990142.

(2) On or before November 22, 1999, BA-VA customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before the deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State

Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUC990142.

(3) A copy of this Order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A copy of the Company's application also may be obtained by contacting BA-VA's customer service center. Residential customers should call 954-6222. Business customers should call 954-6888.

(4) On or before October 22, 1999, BA-VA shall publish the following notice twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in the Clintwood exchange.

NOTICE THAT BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.,
PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE AREA OF
THE CLINTWOOD EXCHANGE TO INCLUDE THE
DANTE EXCHANGE - CASE NO. PUC990142

Telephone customers in Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.'s ("BA-VA") Dante exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission for local calling to the Clintwood exchange. Customers in the Dante exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase in monthly rates for local calling to the Clintwood exchange. The majority of those customers responding in the Dante exchange support this expansion of local service.

Based on BA-VA's costs, the Commission determined the monthly rates for extended local service for Clintwood customers (telephone numbers beginning with 540-926) to call the Dante exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 540-495). For extended local service to Dante from Clintwood, monthly rates would increase as follows: flat rate residential service, \$0.15; residential message rate service, \$0.11; residential measured rate service, \$0.11; residential economy service, \$0.06; residential exchange only service, \$0.13; business flat rate service, \$.54; business message rate lines or trunks, \$0.16; business measured rate lines or trunks, \$0.16; and flat rate PBX trunks, \$.83.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact BA-VA's customer service center. Residential customers should call 954-6222. Business customers should call 954-6888. Copies of BA-VA's application may be obtained by contacting BA-VA's customer service center or may be reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC990142, with the Clerk of the Commission, Joel H. Peck, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before November 22, 1999.

The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five (5) percent or 150 of the customers within the Clintwood exchange request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider the application without convening a hearing.

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(5) On or before November 22, 1999, BA-VA shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five (5) percent or 150 of the customers within the Clintwood exchange request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider the application without convening a hearing.

(7) On or before December 3, 1999, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on the comments received.